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In re Patent Application of:)
Aschenbeck et al.)
Serial No.: 09/975,006) Group Art Unit: 1772
Confirmation No. 8542)
Filed: October 10, 2001) Examiner: W. Watkins III
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For: Roofing Materials Having Engineered Coatings)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application: Ser. No. 09/223,670, filed Dec. 30, 1998, now US Patent 6,426,309, issued July 20, 2002, entitled "Storm proof roofing material", commonly assigned, each naming Carla A. Miller as inventor, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2004, please consider the following remarks. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Miller et al

Claims 8-10, 53 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Miller et al. (WO 00/40794) in view of Vermilion et al. (U.S. 5,494,728).

Applicants have amended the instant application to reflect its status as a CIP